

West Stanislaus Irrigation District

A. Cover Sheet

- 1. Specify:** Agricultural application individual application.
- 2. Proposed Title:** On farm irrigation and water quality improvement loan program.
- 3. Principal Applicant:** West Stanislaus Irrigation District
- 4. Contact:** Ronald Roos, Manager
- 5. Mailing address:** P.O. Box 37, Westley, Ca 95387
- 6. Telephone:** 209-894-3091
- 7. Fax:** 209-894-3383
- 8. E-mail:** wsid@inreach.com
- 9. Funds requested – dollar amount:** \$1,000,000
- 10. Applicant cost share funds pledged – dollar amount:** District to cover the costs of administrating the loan program over the life of the program. The District sees the request for funds as seed money to begin and ongoing program that re-funds itself as it is paid back. The program is foreseen as lasting 10- 20 years.
- 11. Duration – (month/year to month/year):** June-2001 to June - 2016

12. State Assembly and Senate districts and Congressional district where the project is to be conducted. State Assembly District 25, 26 Senate District 12, Congressional District 18.

13. Location and geographic boundaries of the project: See attached map.

14. Name and signature of official representing applicant. By signing below, the applicant declares the following:

- the truthfulness of all representations in the proposal;
- the individual signing the form is authorized to submit the application on behalf of the applicant;
- the applicant will comply with contract terms and conditions identified in section 11 of the PSP.

Ronald Roos

February 9, 2001

printed name of applicant

date

signature of applicant

West Stanislaus Irrigation District

P. O. BOX 37
Westley, CA 95378-0299

Water Conservation Plan Activity

Low Interest Water Conservation and Drainage Reduction Project Funding Now Available

Preliminary applications for low interest loans for on farm irrigation improvements and drainage reduction projects are now being accepted at the District office (located at 116 E. Street Westley, Ca).

The District has implemented a program to provide low-interest money for irrigation system improvements intended to improve irrigation efficiency and reduce drainage.

Loan funds can be used for purchase of equipment only. Installation expense must be arranged and paid for directly by the landowner.

Examples of types of projects that qualify for funding include:

- 1) purchase of surface sprinkler pipe,
- 2) purchase of gated pipe,
- 3) purchase of materials for drip, micro-mister or sprinkler installations, and
- 4) purchase of materials for tail-water return systems.

If you have a water saving project that might qualify for a low interest loan, please fill out the attached preliminary application and return it to the District office as soon as possible.

Please direct your questions about the program to Ronald Roos at 894-3091

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Application to Participate in the West Stanislaus Irrigation District Irrigation and Water Quality Improvement Loan Program

Applicant acknowledges that the consent of the owner of record of the land will be required to complete the funding process.

Landowner's Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP _____ Telephone _____

Name of Farming Operation (if different) _____

Number of Acres to Benefit: _____

Assessor Parcel Number(s): _____

Total estimated cost of project (equipment costs only): \$ _____

Requested term of loan (five years maximum): _____

The application is for:

Aluminum Surface Pipe Irrigation System _____

PVC Gated Surface Pipe Irrigation System _____

Sprinkler System _____

Micro-Emission System _____

Drip System _____

Tailwater Return System _____

Other capital outlay project (please describe) _____

The undersigned acknowledges that he has been provided with a copy of the West Stanislaus Irrigation District's DISTRICT GUIDELINES FOR THE IRRIGATION AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM (GUIDELINES) and acknowledges that the guidelines set forth in that document govern the undersigned's involvement in this program. The Applicant acknowledges that he has read the DISTRICT GUIDELINES FOR THE IRRIGATION AND WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT LOAN PROGRAM, agrees to be bound by the terms thereof and will execute an Equipment Lease Agreement and related documents consistent with the GUIDELINES.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this ____ day of _____, 200__, at _____, California.

Signature of Landowner

Signature of Tenant

Print or Type Name of Landowner

Print or Type Name of Tenant

Mailing Address of Landowner

Mailing Address of Tenant

Phone # of Landowner

Phone # of Tenant

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For District Use Only

Application # _____

Date Received: _____

Time Received: _____

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District Practice and Guidelines Regarding West Stanislaus Irrigation District Irrigation and Water Improvement Loan Program

1. Project Purposes

All proposals for the West Stanislaus Irrigation District Irrigation and Water Quality Improvement Loan Program (LOAN PROGRAM) will be considered in light of the project's purposes. This project has two purposes:

- (a) The more efficient use of irrigation water; and
- (b) The reduction of surface and subsurface drainage.

2. Eligibility

The owners of any parcel of property within the District may apply for LOAN PROGRAM funds through the District. All applications must be signed by all of the owners of, that parcel of property. An application will be considered if and only if the funds are to be used to acquire equipment for projects on that parcel of property that conform to the purposes of the project.

3. District's State Revolving Fund Contract

All Equipment Lease Agreements under this project are subject to and subordinate to the District's agreement with the State of California. Any action, which is a violation of the District's agreement with the State, is prohibited. The State of California has reserved each of the following:

- (a) Review and Approve Plans and Specifications: The State reserves the right to review and approve all plans and specifications. Therefore, approval by the State is considered to be a necessary part of a completed application and must be received prior to the ordering of any equipment.
- (b) Site Inspection: The State reserves right to inspect any site where the equipment is used or is supposed to be used during the term of the State's contract with the District.
- (c) Inspection of Books and Records: The State reserves the right to review any and all books or records which relate to the acquisition of the equipment and its use, including records which relate to the amount of water conserved and the amount of drainage that has been reduced as a result of the project.

4. Applications

The District will process applications commencing _____, 2001. All applicants will submit an application, which, among other information, will include:

- A list of equipment that they would like the District to acquire and lease to them,
- An estimate of the cost of acquiring that equipment, and
- A non-refundable \$500 application-processing fee.

5. Approval of Applications by General Manager

The General Manager of the District is authorized to approve and process applications for equipment from landowners/water users in the District. However, the Board of Directors shall review extraordinary applications before any action is taken committing the District to approving the application. In order to give the General Manager some guidance as to what, in the opinion of the Board, constitutes an extraordinary application the following shall be presumed to be "extraordinary":

- (a) Total Cost Per Acre: Any application that reflects equipment cost in excess of six hundred dollars (\$600) per acre.
- (b) Total Cost per landowner or Per Parcel: Any application or combination of applications for funds which reflect a total equipment cost for a single landowner/water user or for a single parcel of land in excess of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000).
- (c) General Rule: Any application which the General Manager deems to be "extraordinary", even if that application does not meet either of the two criteria set forth above, may be brought to the attention of the Board for review and guidance.

6. Equipment Supply Contracts

All applications will be served through a competitive bidding process to be conducted by the District. The bidding process cannot begin until an application has been submitted in accordance with (4) above, at which time, the General Manager will advertise an Equipment Supply Contract for bid and proceed to the opening of bids.

- (a) Low Bid Equal to or Less than the Estimate: If the lowest bid received is equal to or less than the estimate, the General Manager will award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder.
- (b) Low Bid Higher than Estimate: The applicant's estimate of cost shall constitute a ceiling on the amount of SRF funds available through that application. If the lowest bid received exceeds the amount of the estimate, the General Manager will consult with the applicant. The applicant may request that the District reject all bids, in which case the applicant will be relieved of any further responsibility to

complete the loan application process. If the applicant wishes to accept the lowest responsible bid, a revised application must be submitted before the bid can be accepted and the contract awarded.

- (c) Completion of the Application Process: Before any bid can be accepted and the contract awarded, the applicant shall provide the District, in a timely manner, with all of the information and documents necessary to complete the application process, including an Equipment Lease Agreement, a Memorandum of Lease Agreement and/or a UCC Financing Statement. These documents must be signed by *all* the necessary parties and must be accompanied by payment-in-full of a 10% deposit before the General Manager will order the agreed upon equipment.

- (1) Deposits: A Deposit equal to ten percent (10%) of the total cost of the equipment is required to be paid to the District to complete the application process and prior to the ordering of any materials/equipment.

7. Project Dates

The Project is subject to the following time constraints:

- (a) Lease Payment Dates: All payments on leases under this program will be due on July 15 of each year after the making of the Lease and the delivery of the equipment. The District may enforce the Lease payment requirement by all means at its disposal including requiring the lease payment as a condition of continuing to receive water during that water year.
- (b) Deadline for Completion of Process: The District has determined that the deadline for the completion of the original application process, including payment of the full 10% Deposit is June 1, 2000.

8. Allocation of Funds

The District anticipates being able to fund all requests, however, should demand for these funds exceed their availability, the Board has determined to allocate these funds based on the following procedure:

- (a) Early Cut-off Date: If and when District staff determines that the total amount of funds for which the District has received applications exceeds the amount of funds available, then the District may continue to accept applications but will not accept processing fees nor obligate any additional funds except as set forth in subsections (b) below. This date shall be known as the "Cut-off Date". All completed applications received by the District after the Cut-off Date will be stamped with the date and prioritized in the order received.
- (b) Additional Funds: "Additional Funds" are LOAN PROGRAM funds that become available after the Cut-off Date. They shall include but not be limited to any funds that were obligated by a particular application but which later failed to be used. If

any such Additional Funds become available they will be obligated as on the following priority sequence:

- (2) (1) First Call on Additional Funds: Any applications received before the Cutoff Date which were not fully funded shall be funded first. If there is more than one such un- or under-funded application, then the applicant with the oldest application received shall be given notice and an opportunity to pay the processing fee and proceed with the bidding and application process in a timely manner.
 - (3) Second Call: Thereafter, as Additional Funds allow, the applicant with the oldest application received on or after the Cut-off Date shall be given notice and an opportunity to pay the processing fee and proceed with the bidding and application process in a timely manner.
- (c) Applications Funded with Additional Loan Funds: Should an application submitted after the Cut-off Date be approved for funding, the applicant will be required to comply with all application requirements stated above.